

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

A diverse media is a key element in the checks and balances of democracy -- checking not just government but corporate abuse. Would media owned by Enron have been quick to report on it? And even now the big conglomerates are refusing to air the ads of the Detroit Project. When there are many voices, and many owners of those voices, the truth can find a way out -- and to the public. A bunch of little websites do not make up for loss of diversity in local broadcast TV and newspapers.